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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN LEGISLATURE CONSIDERS 200-MILE LIMIT

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1. CONTRARY TO POSITION MFA DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER, JAMSHED  
HAMID, EXPRESSED TO EMBOFF IN OCTOBER (REFTEL), FOOD AND  
AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND OTHER MINISTRIES  
HAVE APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING GOP TO PROCEED WITH  
BILL TO EXTEND PAKISTAN'S EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC AND MARITIME  
ZONES TO 200 MILES, DESPITE MFA ADVISE TO AWAIT FURTHER  
LOS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. ON DECEMBER 16 GOP INTRODUCED  
TERRITORIAL AND MARITIME ZONES OF PAKISTAN BILL IN NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY TO DEFINE PAKISTAN'S TERRITORIAL WATERS, CONTIGUOUS  
ZONE AND JURISDICTION IN MARITIME ZONES TO PROTECT  
SECURITY, ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS. THE ASSEMBLY ON  
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DECEMBER 17 WAIVED THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE BILL BE  
SUBMITTED TO COMMITTED AND IMMEDIATELY PASSED THE BILL. SENATE  
RATIFICATION IS EXPECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

2. BILL SETS EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AS THE AREA  
BEYOND AND ADJACENT TO TERRITORIAL WATERS TO THE LIMIT

OF 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM A BASE LINE THAT THE GOP WILL LATER SPECIFY BY NOTIFICATION IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE. BILL GIVES PAKISTAN EXCLUSIVE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS IN THE BED, SUBSOIL AND SUPERADJACENT WATERS FOR EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, EXPLOITATION, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES, AND FOR PRODUCING ENERGY FROM TIDES, WINDS, CURRENT, AND THE SUN. THROUGH THE MEASURE PAKISTAN ALSO TAKES EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS AND JURISDICTION FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS, OFFSHORE TERMINALS, INSTALLATIONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE RESOURCES IN THE ZONE, FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF SHIPPPXG, OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. PAKISTAN ALSO RESERVES EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS AND JURISDICTION TO AUTHORIZE, REGULATE, AND CONTROL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS TO CONTROL AND PREVENT MARINYIPOLLUTION WITHIN THE ZONE.

3. LAW MINISTER MALIK AKHTAR, WHO INTRODUCED THE BILL IN THE ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED, CLAIMED THE PROPOSED LAW IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE THIRD LOS CONFERENCE. HE JUSTIFIED THE MEASURE ON THE GROUNDS THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY EXTENDED THEIR JURISDICTION UNILATERALLY TO INCLUDE A 200-MILL ECONOMIC OR FISHERIES ZONE. HE CITED ARGENTQINA, BRAZIL, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, PANAMA, PERU, SPPRRA LEONE, SOMALIA AND URGUAY AS EXAMPLES AND MENTIONED THAT CHILE'S 200-MILE JURISDICTION RESEMBLES A TERRITORIAL SEA. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE CANADIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND UNITES STATES ZONES THAT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN 1977, AS WELL AS THE USSR'S 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE AND THOSE OF MEMBERS OF THE EEC. OF GREATER IMPORTANCE, HE CITED THE NEED TO CREATE SUCH A ZONE FOR PAKISTAN BECUASE BANGLADESH, INDIA AND SRI LANKA HAVE ALREADY TAKEN SUCH A STEP. (IN OCOTBER CONVERSATION, MFA LOS AUTHORITY JAMSHED HAMID TOLD EMBOFF THAT IF PAKISTAN ESTABLISHES 200-MILE ZONE, IT WILL BE REACTION TO MEASURES OF SOUTH ASIAN NEIGHBORS; HE SAID PAKISTAN WOULD PASS MEASURE MERELY TO SAFEGUARD FUTURE INTERESTS AND THAT ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH A MEASURE WILL REMAIN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.)

4. THE BILL CONTAINS PROVISIONS FOR DEMARCATION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES EITHER ON THE EQUIDISTANT LINE PRINCIPLE OR ON "EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES" THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. PAKISTAN'S CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS REMAIN AT 12  
MILE LIMIT.

6. WE ARE FORWARDING TEXT BY POUCH.  
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